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HOUSE BILL NO. 81

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AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 41-57-26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS REGISTRATION TO FURNISH WITHOUT CHARGE UP TO FIVE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE OF ANY DECEASED PERSON WHO WAS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED MILITARY VETERAN OR WHO WAS KILLED OR DIED WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 41-57-26, Mississippi Code of 1972:

41-57-26. The Office of Vital Records Registration shall furnish up to five (5) certified copies of the death certificate of any deceased person who was an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or who was killed or died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, without charge, to any person or entity that is authorized to receive death certificates. The applicant for a copy of the death certificate must furnish such written evidence of the deceased person's service in the Armed Forces of the United States as required by the office. Copies of death certificates furnished

under the authority under this section shall be in addition to any copies of death certificates furnished without charge under the authority of Section 35-3-9.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2016.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 24, 20

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE

March 24, 2016

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR